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PROTESTS CONTINUE, TRADE UNIONS ON STRIKE, GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE AND REPRESSIVE AT THE SAME TIME

The protests continued yesterday in several cities of Turkey, as well. Istanbul, Izmir, Ankara, Adana, Bolu, Ordu and Bursa are some of the cities which witnessed public meetings with the participation of thousands of people. During day time, the Squares were filled with masses and the atmosphere was festive. At 9.00 PM thousands of people were banging pans and pots at their neighbourhoods and calling for the government to resign. Workers' Party (Turkey) organized local public meetings in 30 different districts at the evening hours, in Izmir.

The slogan “Turks-Kurds-Arabs, Brothers we all are, Tayyip resign!” drew attention in Adana, where the population of Turks from Arabic origin is densely high.



In Istanbul, after midnight, police used violence against the protesters again. Medical care was provided to the injured protesters by a military hospital near Taksim Square.

The trade union confederations KESK (Confederation of Public Sector Trade Unions), Birleşik Kamu-İş (a trade union confederation of public employees) and DİSK (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey) and the professional chambers TMMOB (Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects) and TTB (Turkish Medical Association) called for a strike in solidarity with Gezi Park and carried it out today.

The AKP government invited the resisters, who they called “pillagers”, “marginals” and “alcoholics” earlier, to a dialogue. Deputy Prime Minister Bülent Arinc went to the Taksim Platform to negotiate. The Platform presented a series of demands.

The Platform rejects the transformation of the Taksim Square into a Shopping Mall. They demand the discharge of the responsible for the police violence and the banning of tear gas in Turkey henceforward.

However, the government has not given up its repressive attitude. In Izmir, 38 people were detained due to their tweets on Twitter during the incidents. They were accused of criminal defamatory libel. Earlier, Erdogan characterized Twitter as a “plague”.

It was reported from Bursa that the police distributed leaflets that people should not trust social media.

In Bartın, Yılmaz Tunc, a MP of the AKP (ruling party), threatened the local press not to report the public meetings. Tunc called the newspapers and said that those who write about the resistance will not get advertisements anymore.

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Workers' Party (Turkey) Vice-Chairman Hasan Basri Özbey evaluated Abdullah Gül's statement on the popular protests on the 4th of June 2013.

WORKERS' PARTY (TURKEY) VICE-CHAIRMAN HASAN BASRI ÖZBEY: THE PEOPLE'S "TAYYIP RESIGN" DEMAND ALSO GOES FOR ABDULLAH GÜL!

Alliance of Evil

Özbey pointed out that President Abdullah Gül is also the subject of the demand "Tayyip Resign," shouted by millions of citizens for days and he went on; "Abdullah Gül is one of the leaders of the alliance of evil that attempted to trample on the Turkish Nation, to destroy the Republic of Atatürk and to divide our homeland. The Erdoğan-Gül administration, with the coalition they have formed with Fethullah Gülen, Abdullah Öcalan and Barzani, are dragging Turkey into darkness. The USA leads this alliance of evil. Israel is an indispensable partner."

You cannot hope for help from Gül acting as the "good cop"

Özbey remarked that Abdullah Gül had made a "2 page 9 article"* secret agreement with US Secretary of State Powell and said; "Tyranny against the nation and fascist activities are among the statutes of this agreement. Abdullah Gül cannot deceive the people by playing the good cop. In these circumstances, hoping for help from Abdullah Gül is, to put it mildly, naive."

Duty of the CHP (Republican People's Party), MHP (Nationalist Movement Party) and Workers' Party (Turkey)

Özbey stated that the urgent problem is to get rid of the Tayyip Erdoğan and Abdullah Gül administration; "CHP and MHP being in the first place all political powers should come together and call for the Erdoğan-Gül administration to resign. A maximum effort should be made to include those MP's of the AKP (Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi ruling party) who are not content to follow the path that leads to treachery. The Workers' Party (Turkey) is ready to do its part in this historic cooperation" he said.

From a Transitional Government to a National Government

Stating that Turkey would not remain without a government Özbey concluded his words; "CHP, MHP, Workers' Party (Turkey)... Let us gather immediately and plan the transitional government that will be formed after the Erdoğan-Gül administration. Afterwards, let us provide the broadest union of forces by uniting in the spirit of Atatürk. Let us retake the local municipalities from AKP and separatism. Let us make Çankaya** Atatürk's Çankaya once again. And finally, let us create the National Assembly, and form the National Government of Atatürk!"

Footnotes:

* This secret agreement was made by Abdullah Gül, who was the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic at that time, and Collin Powell. The agreement was made on the 2nd of April 2003. Abdullah Gül confessed this agreement on the 24th of May 2003, in an interview.

** Çankaya Palace is the Presidential Palace of the Republic of Turkey.

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YOUNG PERSON KILLED IN RESISTENCE!



Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc confirmed the death of 22 year old Abdullah Comert, on June 3rd. The autopsy reports state numerous hits and strikes to head as the cause of death. The last message that Abdullah Comert shared on his Facebook account before his death was:

"I've only slept 5 hours in 3 days. I've inhaled countless pepper gas bombs, almost died 3 times. And do you know what people say? "Let it go! Are you the one to save the counry?" Sure, even if we can't, we'll die in the name of saving it. (I'm so tired that I've drank 7 energy drinks in 3 days, taken 9 painkillers. Eventhough I lost my voice, I'll be there, on the streets, at 6am just for the revolution. "

Comert's family requested a second autopsy claiming there was a bullet injury at his head. Thousands attended his funeral at his hometown Armutlu, Hatay. Abdullah Comert is the second youngster that is confirmed dead since the June 1st, the beginning of the resistance . It is reported that injuries in critical conditions are still admitted to the hospitals.

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